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★ What's New in '97

New in '97

- *Deer* tag use options have been modified and an early, antlerless-only season will be held on Oct. 23 - Oct. 26 in 1997 Zone T Units 61, 62B, 63B, 70, 74A, 77B, 80A, 61A, 70F, and 80C (there will not be an early, antlerless only season west of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks in DMU's 61 and 74A). *Read pages 35 - 37 if you hunt in one of these units!* **All hunters, except waterfowl hunters and hunters west of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks in DMU's 61 and 74A, will be required to wear blaze orange on Oct. 23 - Oct. 26.**
 - *Woodcock* season dates and bag limits have not been set as of printing of this pamphlet. Both the season and bag limit could change. See the 1997 Migratory Bird Hunting Pamphlet for final information, or contact your local DNR office at the phone number listed on page 2.
 - Wisconsin will have a *sharp-tailed grouse* season in 1997. Permits and carcass tags are required. Pick up a permit application at a DNR office, other season and tagging information will be provided with permits. The application deadline is August 10.
 - Wisconsin has new *turtle* harvest regulations. See the 1997 Spearing and Netting Regulations to learn more about them.
 - *Handguns* having a barrel length of 4 inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin and of .177 caliber and larger are legal for hunting bobcat, coyote, fox, hare, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel and unprotected species. Previously, no calibers larger than .22 rimfire were legal.
- *Don't forget the July 20 Hunter's Choice and Bonus Permit application deadline.

Coming in '98

- Wisconsin will be taking part in the National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) to determine harvest levels of Migratory Birds. When purchas-

ing your license in 1998, you will be asked to provide your name, address, and important information about last year's harvest of woodcock, snipe, rails, coot, and waterfowl. All migratory bird hunters will be required to participate in this ongoing program to provide the best possible resource management for our migratory game birds.

- Look for automation of license sales in 1998 that will improve customer service, provide a more durable license, and offer features that will help your local license agent offer more services!
- Starting in the 1998 hunting season, non-toxic shot will be required on all federally owned Waterfowl Production Areas.

Permit & License Application Deadlines

Bear	Jan. 16, 1998
Bobcat	Sept. 10
Canada Goose: Early SE Wis.	Aug. 1
Tag Zones	Aug. 22
Deer: Hunter's Choice	July 20
Gun License	Nov. 21
Turkey: Fall 1997	Aug. 10
Spring 1998	Dec. 10
Sharp-tailed grouse	Aug. 10

Ask first and say thanks.

Trespassing is illegal and can result in a fine up to \$1,000. You must gain the landowner's permission prior to hunting on his or her property. They really appreciate a note or word of thanks after the hunt. For more information on trespass laws, contact your county extension office and ask for publication number G3409 (Trespass Law in Wisconsin).

Please respect landowners' rights.

License Information

- **Who needs one:** Everyone who hunts must have a license which they must carry on their person while engaged in hunting. To obtain a resident license, *persons 18 years old and over* must present their Wisconsin driver's license, Department of Transportation identification, or complete a declaration of residency. *Persons born on or after Jan. 1, 1973* must also present their hunter education certificate to purchase any license (persons 12-18 years old may use this as proof of residency). *No person less than 12 years old* may obtain a license. See landowners section below for exception.
- **Use:** It is illegal to allow someone else to use or *carry* your license or tag, or for you to use or *carry* some other person's license or tag.
- 1. **Wisconsin hunter education graduates:** Certificates issued to Wisconsin resident graduates 12 years old and over after January 1, 1997 are valid for hunting small game until March 31, 1998 (see also **Adult Supervision** p.7). Contact your local DNR office for course information.
- 2. **Landowners:** The owner or occupant of any land and any family member 12 years old and over living with them, may, *without license* and subject to all other restrictions except seasons, hunt or trap on their own property for beaver, foxes, raccoons, woodchucks, rabbits, and squirrels year-round; however, hunting is not allowed during the 24-hour period immediately preceding the gun deer season.
- 3. **Students:** *Full-time* undergraduate students in residence at a Wisconsin college or university offering a bachelor's degree and *foreign citizens* attending a Wisconsin high school or university agricultural short course may buy a resident small game, deer, archer or sports license.
- 4. **Armed forces members:** Any Wisconsin armed forces member on furlough or leave who exhibits proof of

active service and Wisconsin residency may receive a free small game license. Available only at DNR offices and county clerk offices. *Note: The state waterfowl and pheasant stamp is not required. Armed forces members on active duty and stationed in Wisconsin may purchase a resident deer, small game, archer or sports license.*

- **Purchase deadline:** Gun deer hunting licenses must be purchased before the gun deer season, except Wisconsin resident armed forces members on furlough or residents who have completed a hunter safety course and turn 12 years old during the season.
- **License outlets:** Most DNR offices, county clerks and their vendors, or by mail from the DNR License Section, Box 7924, Madison 53707. To purchase by mail: send a complete application, a check or money order payable to Wisconsin DNR; MC/Visa will also be accepted. To purchase by phone: Nonresidents *only* may use MC/Visa to purchase licenses by phone only at 608-266-2621.
- **Effective dates:** All hunting licenses are effective immediately after purchase and with the opening of the specific seasons except the archer license. Archer licenses (p. 8) purchased after the bow deer season begins are not valid for 3 days. Wisconsin resident armed forces members on leave or furlough may use their archer license immediately. All 1997 hunting licenses expire on March 31, 1998.
- **Duplicates:** To receive a duplicate, you must turn in all remaining parts of the lost license and file an affidavit of loss at most DNR offices or county clerk offices (except in Madison and Milwaukee).

Adult Supervision Required:

Hunters between the ages of 12 and 14 years old must be *accompanied* by a parent or guardian. Persons under the age of 12 may not possess a firearm. *Accompanied* means within sight and voice contact without the aid of any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.

Resident licenses

See Permit section for other hunting requirements.
See p. 5 for application deadlines.

Resident means a person who has maintained a permanent residence in this state for 30 days immediately before applying for license. Domiciliary intent (intent to establish residency) is required. Mere presence in the state for a 30-day period or ownership of property is not sufficient to establish residency. Evidence of domiciliary intent includes the location where the person votes, pays personal income taxes or obtains a driver's license.

- **Conservation Patron (\$110.00):** Residents 14 years of age and older may purchase this license. Includes: small game, turkey license and stamp, pheasant stamp, deer hunting with gun and bow, fishing, sturgeon spearfishing, trapping, state fishing and waterfowl stamps, permit fees (except bobcat and bear), DNR magazine subscription and vehicle admission to state parks and related areas. *Does not include:* Federal waterfowl stamp, bear harvest permit.
- **Sports (\$43.00):** General fishing, hunting small game and unprotected species with gun and bow, and deer with firearms; cannot be purchased during gun deer season. *Does not include:* wild turkey license and stamp, pheasant stamp and state and federal waterfowl stamps.
- **Deer (\$20.00):** Deer firearm hunting only. Not valid for other hunting. *Purchasing deadline: Nov. 21.*
- **Bear (\$18.00):** Required to apply for a bear harvest permit. Also required for pursuing bear and for assisting harvest permit holders in bear hunting activities including baiting. Does not authorize shooting, shooting at, killing, catching, or possession of bear.
- **Archer (\$20.00):** Small game, deer and unprotected species with a bow. Not valid for deer during gun deer season. *If issued during bow deer season, license not valid until the third day after purchase, excluding the day of purchase.* Example: Buy license Monday, effective on Thursday.

- **Small Game (\$14.00):** Small game, bobcat, and unprotected species with firearms and bow. Not valid for bear, deer and wild turkey hunting. Does not include any stamps.
- **Senior Citizens Small Game (\$7.00):** Same as small game; you must be 65 or over to purchase.
- **Wild Turkey (\$11.00):** Hunters apply (\$3.00 application fee) for a "turkey hunting approval notice" for spring or fall hunting. This "notice" allows holder to purchase a fall or spring turkey license. A turkey stamp (p. 10) is also required (see spring turkey pamphlet for more information).
- **Trapping (\$18.00):** See separate trapping pamphlet.

Nonresident licenses

See Permit section for other hunting requirements.

Note: Nonresident licenses are available at DNR or County Clerk offices during normal business hours. Call 608-266-2621 for nearest turkey license outlet. Nonresident licenses can be charged to MC or Visa.

- **Archer (\$135.00):** (Same privileges as resident, see above.)
- **Deer (\$135.00):** (Same privileges as resident, see above.)
- **Bear (\$97.00):** (Same privileges as resident, see above.)
- **Small Game (\$75.00):** Small game, excluding furbearing animals (defined p. 14), hunted with firearms and bow. Not valid for wild turkey, deer, or bear hunting.
- **Wild Turkey (\$55.00):** (Same privileges as resident, see above.)
- **5-Day Small Game (\$43.00):** Small game, excluding furbearing animals (defined p. 14), hunted with firearms or bow during a specified, consecutive, 5-day period.
- **Furbearing Animal Hunting (\$150.00):** Hunt skunk, raccoon, fox, weasel, opossum, coyote and bobcat with firearm or bow. Bobcat hunting requires a DNR permit.

Stamp Information

- **Pheasant (\$7.25):** Required to hunt pheasant in pheasant management counties (see map on page 39) in addition to a small game or sports license. *Exemptions:* Conservation patron and senior citizen recreation card holders, first year hunter safety course graduates, military personnel on furlough and on licensed game farms.
- **Wild Turkey (\$5.25):** Required to hunt wild turkey. Stamp is valid for both spring and fall seasons.
- **Waterfowl (\$7.00):** The state stamp, available at all license outlets, and the federal stamp, available at U.S. Post Offices, are required for waterfowl hunting in addition to a valid license. All hunters 16 years and over need a state and federal stamp.
Federal stamp exemptions: (1) Snipe, woodcock or rail hunters. *State stamp exemptions:* (1) Snipe, woodcock or rail hunters. (2) Conservation patron, free military small game license and Senior Citizen Rec. Card holders. (3) *Hunter education course graduates during the period in which the small game hunting privilege is free.*

Permit Information

Disabled hunters: Qualified disabled persons may obtain permits to hunt from a stationary vehicle and/or use a crossbow. Contact a DNR office for details. Allow 30-60 days for processing. *Important:* Disabled permits issued prior to 1989 expired in 1994. If you possess an old permit which has no expiration date, contact your local DNR Service Center.

When applying for Hunter's Choice, Mississippi River Block Antlerless or Bonus Antlerless deer permit(s), consult the special "Hunter's Choice and Bonus Permit Application Information Packet" available at license outlets about June 15. It contains information about permit availability, maps and preference.

- **Hunter's Choice Deer (\$3.00 application fee, not available in Zone T):** Allows the holder to kill one deer of either sex in the *specified deer management unit during the regular 9-day gun deer and muzzleloader only seasons*—it is not an “extra” or bonus permit. A Gun Deer Carcass tag with a Hunter's Choice permit may also be used, for antlerless deer only, by persons possessing an archery license during the archery deer season. *Application Deadline: July 20.*
 1. **Use:** See the **1997 Deer Bag Limits and Tag Use Options** table on page 33. Chambers Island permits are valid for taking one deer of the type indicated on the permit. *Note: You may hunt in other units if desired only during the 9-day gun deer season, but are restricted to the legal deer (usually a buck) specified for that season zone.*
 2. **Hunter's Choice Permit Availability:** Hunter's Choice permits are issued for select management units only. Apply carefully.
 3. **Possession:** *You must carry your HC permit while hunting and until your deer is registered.*
- **Bonus Permits in Mississippi River Block Units (59M, 59D, and 74B):** Apply on Hunter's Choice Application Form. In addition to Bonus Permits, this form allows you to apply for a Hunter's Choice Permit. Since only Bonus Permits are available in River Block Units, you may apply for a Hunter's Choice Permit in another DMU.
- **Bonus Antlerless Deer (\$12.00 res; \$20.00 nonres.):** Allows the permit holder to kill an “extra” deer, which must be antlerless, in the specified deer management unit. Permits are valid during the archery, gun and muzzleloader seasons.
 1. Permits are issued only when the number of hunter's choice permits exceeds the number of hunter's choice permit applicants.
 2. No person will be issued more than 3 bonus permits through the mail-in process for the 1997 deer hunting season, of which no more than 1 may be valid for a

northern forest unit (see map on page 24). No more than 6 will be issued through the mail for use in Metro Units. Leftover permits may be made available for over-the-counter sales after the mail-in process.

3. Offered to successful hunter's choice applicants first, using the standard preference system. If some bonus permits remain after the mail in process, leftover permits may be made available for over the counter sales on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Qualified service members** holding a current resident deer hunting license may hunt deer of either sex during any firearm deer season established by the department. Qualified persons must be able to exhibit proof while hunting and when registering deer that they are; (1) Wisconsin residents, (2) on active service with the armed forces outside this state, and (3) are on furlough or leave.
- **Bear Harvest (\$39.25 res.; \$199.25 nonres.):** Required in addition to a bear hunting license. Allows a person to shoot, shoot at, kill, take, catch or possess a bear. *Application deadline: January 16 for 1998 fall season.*
- **Bobcat (\$3.00 application fee):** A permit and tag are required for hunting or trapping for bobcat. *Application deadline: Sept. 10.*
- **Dog Training (\$5.00/training period):** Required to train hunting dogs when using captive protected wild animals, contact DNR for details. Note restricted area on p. 22.
- **Falconry:** Required to take, possess, and transport hawks, falcons, eagles, and great horned owls for falconry. Contact DNR for details.

Special Hunts

- **Disabled Deer Hunts:** Dates: Oct. 4 - Oct. 12, 1997. Interested persons must contact the nearest DNR office before June 1 for more information. *Note: These hunts are conducted by private sponsors.*

- **Educational Hunt/Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center:** Deer hunting is offered to youth and beginner adults who complete a "Learn to Deer Hunt Workshop." For dates and fees, write or call the Center at Box 156, Babcock, WI 54413; 715-884-2437. *Applications are due by May 31.*

- **Badger Army Ammunition Plant:** For hunting information send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Commander's Representative, Badger Army Ammunition Plant, ATTN: SMCBA-NR, Baraboo, WI 53913-5000.

- **Volk Field Military Facility/Deer Hunting:** For information send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope (8 3/4" X 3 3/4") to: Attn: Natural Resources Management, Volk Field ANGB, 100 Independence Dr., Camp Douglas, WI 54618-5001.

- **Fort McCoy Military Reservation:** Applications for hunting permits may be obtained by calling (608) 388-3337 or writing to: Directorate of Public Works, Attn. AFRC-FM-PWE-N (Permit Sales), 2171 8th Ave., Fort McCoy WI 54656-5136. Applications will be sent out in June and due back in early July.

- **Apostle Islands/Muzzleloader Deer:** Permits are required to participate in the Oct. 1-31 muzzleloader season on Oak and Basswood Islands. *Apply between June 15 and July 15 by writing:* Superintendent, Apostle Islands National Lake Shore, Rt. 1, Box 4, Bayfield, WI 54814 or call 715-779-3397. Madeline and Long Islands are open to regular statewide seasons; all others are closed.

- **National Wildlife Refuges:** Horicon NWR: (Dodge/Fond du Lac Counties) offers archery, shotgun deer and small game hunting. For details, write to Horicon NWR, Refuge Manager, W4279 Headquarters Rd., Mayville, WI 53050 or call 414-387-2658.

Fox River NWR: (Marquette County) offers limited deer hunting. Contact the Horicon NWR Refuge Manager (see above).

Necedah NWR: (Juneau County) offers hunting of all

types. For details, write the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Necedah NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, Necedah, WI 54646 or call 608-565-2551.

Trempealeau NWR: (Trempealeau County) offers late season archery under refuge permit, and 9 days of gun deer hunting opportunity. For details, write to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Trempealeau NWR, ATTN: Refuge Manager, W28488, Trempealeau, WI 54661-8272 or call 608-539-2311.

Definitions

1. Bag and possession limits:

Daily bag or bag limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may harvest in one day, no matter how long or often they hunted that day.

Except for the provisions permitting group bagging of deer during the firearm deer season (p. 27), no one can exceed their daily bag limit to assist another hunter to fill their bag limit.

Possession limit means the total number of a particular game species that a person may possess at a given time.

2. General hunting:

Assisting for the purpose of bear hunting means helping a bear harvest permit holder hunt bear by handling dogs, tracking, trailing or locating the bear or otherwise aiding while with the permit holder. You do not need to be with a bear harvest permit holder to place bear bait.

Furbearing animal means beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, and weasel.

Hunt or hunting includes shooting, shooting at, pursuing, taking, catching, or killing any wild animal.

Protected species means the following mammals and

birds which may not be hunted, trapped, or possessed without first obtaining a DNR license or permit: *Mammals*—Badger, Canada lynx, cougar, elk, flying squirrel, marten, moose, timber wolf, white deer (deer not totally white are legal game), wolverine, woodchucks (see landowner exemption, page 6), endangered and threatened species. *Birds*—all wild birds (including song birds and blackbirds) not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping and migratory bird regulation pamphlets are protected.

Unprotected species means mammals and birds which can be hunted year-round without limit and includes feral pigeon, starling, English (house) sparrow, chukar partridge, coturnix quail, opossum, skunk, weasel, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in the hunting, trapping, and migratory game bird regulations pamphlets. A hunting license is required and normal hunting hours apply. *Note: Grackles, red-winged black birds and cowbirds may not be hunted for recreation purposes. They may be killed without a federal permit ONLY IF they are causing damage or are about to cause damage to trees, crops, livestock, or wildlife or unless they are concentrated in large numbers that may constitute a health hazard or other nuisance. Crows may also be killed without a federal permit in these situations.*

General Hunting Restrictions

1. Firearms

Enclosed within a carrying case for firearms means a firearm must be completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose. The case must fully enclose the firearm by being zipped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed. Homemade cases are legal if they conform to this definition.

Unloaded means any of the following:

1. Having no shell or cartridge in the chamber of a firearm or in the magazine attached to a firearm.
2. Having the cap removed from a percussion muzzleloading firearm.
3. Having the flashpan cleaned of powder from a flint lock muzzleloading firearm.

It is illegal to:

- hunt with a fully automatic firearm.
- hunt with any means other than a gun discharged from the shoulder, a bow and arrow, or by falconry. Handguns may be used as described under the “handgun section” (p. 19). Pellet guns of .177 caliber or larger may be used for the same purposes as handguns.
- possess any firearm on November 21 unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case (see definitions above). *Exceptions: target shooting at established target ranges*, migratory waterfowl hunting during open season, and hunting on licensed game farms and shooting preserves. *Established target ranges* means an existing facility that has target shooting with firearms as its major purpose.
- shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy while on lands of another without permission of the owner or occupant.

2. Transport and sale of game

It is illegal to:

- sell, purchase, or barter, or offer to sell, purchase or barter any bear, deer, squirrel, or game bird or part thereof *except*:
 1. the tail and skin of any squirrel or head and skin of any deer lawfully killed, when severed from the rest of the carcass.
 2. persons holding a valid bear hunting or conservation patron license and bear harvest permit or taxidermist license. Only these persons may sell, buy, trade or barter bear hides only if the claws, head, and teeth are attached. Bear claws and teeth may not be sold, pur-

chased, traded or bartered when separated from the hide. The sale of other bear parts is also prohibited.

3. rabbit and raccoon carcasses sold during the open season for those species.

3. Taking and possession of game

It is illegal to:

- take any wild animal which has been lawfully obtained by someone else without having that person’s consent.
- hunt beaver, fisher, mink, muskrat or otter (see p. 6 for landowner exception for beaver).
- not immediately kill all game taken and make it part of the daily bag.
- molest any squirrel nest or den, raccoon den or tree, mink den, or muskrat house.
- carelessly waste game. You must make every reasonable effort to retrieve all game killed or crippled. Until such effort is made, such game shall be included in the daily bag. *This rule does not allow you to trespass without permission of the landowner.*
- possess any game unless you hold a valid hunting license or state permit carried on your person, unless you are hunting as a landowner as explained on p. 6.

Firearm and Bow Restrictions

Note: Be sure to check with local authorities before using firearms in urbanized or populated areas.

1. Rifles

It is illegal to:

- possess a rifle with a barrel length of less than 16 inches or an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess a rifle larger than .22 rimfire during the gun deer season in *shotgun only* areas unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case. See page 38.
- hunt any game bird with a rifle.
- hunt deer or bear with a .22 or 5 mm rimfire rifle or .17 caliber center-fire rifle.

2. Shotguns and shotshells

Shotgun means a smoothbore barrelled firearm designed to shoot shotshells. Rifled shotgun barrels of at least 18" in length are considered to be shotguns for the purpose of hunting deer if they fire a single projectile and are in the following gauges: 10, 12, 16 and 20.

It is illegal to:

- possess a *shotgun* (defined above) with a barrel length of less than 18 inches or an overall length of less than 26 inches.
- possess or control any shotshell loaded with single slug or ball while hunting, except during the gun season for deer or bear.
- hunt deer with a .410 bore shotgun.
- possess shot larger than NO. BB* while hunting *June 1 through the second day following the gun deer season*.
- hunt any game bird with a shotgun loaded with shot larger than No. BB* or with single slug or ball.
- hunt any migratory game bird, including woodcock and snipe, with any shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells.

*Nontoxic shot no larger than size T must be used for hunting migratory game birds with the exception of woodcock and snipe.

- Only non-toxic shot may be possessed or used for hunting upland game species on the Horicon and Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuges, except that lead shot may be used for wild turkey hunting on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge. This rule does not apply to hunting with rifles and shotguns firing a single projectile. For more information, contact the refuge managers or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Building, Fort Snelling, Twin Cities, MN 55111.

3. Muzzleloaders

Muzzleloader means any caliber of *muzzleloading* firearm discharged from the *shoulder*.

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer or bear with any smoothbore muzzleloader less than .45 caliber or rifled muzzleloading firearm of less than .40 caliber. Muzzleloaders may be used in all regular deer season zones.
- hunt deer during Dec. 1 - Dec. 7, with any muzzleloader that does not have a solid breech plug attached with threads, is capable of being loaded only from the muzzle, and uses black powder or other black powder substitute. Scopes with magnification may not be used.

Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded if the cap is removed from a percussion muzzleloader or the flashpan is cleaned on a flintlock muzzleloader; the ball and powder can remain in the barrel.

4. Handguns

It is illegal to:

- hunt with or possess a handgun if under the age of 18 years. Target shooting with handguns by persons under the age of 18 years is allowed only when supervised by an adult.
- hunt any game with a handgun except as follows:
 1. Bobcat, coyote, fox, hare, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, and unprotected species may be hunted with handguns or pellet guns .177 caliber and larger. Handguns shall have a minimum barrel length of four inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.
 2. Deer and bear may be hunted with handguns which are loaded with .357, .41 and .44 magnum caliber cartridges. *Other caliber handguns chambered for commercially-manufactured cartridges* which produce a minimum muzzle energy of 1,000 foot pounds are also legal. These handguns must have a minimum barrel length of 5½ inches measured from the muzzle to the firing pin with the action closed.

Hunters using these magnum handguns for deer hunting may also possess other firearms legal for the zone in which they are hunting deer.

- possess a concealed handgun.
- transport a handgun in a vehicle unless it is unloaded and completely enclosed within a carrying case. *Note: A holster is not a legal carrying case unless it completely encloses the handgun.*

5. Bows, arrows, and crossbows

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer or bear with a bow having a pull of less than 30 pounds.
- possess, while hunting, any crossbow (except the permanently disabled under DNR permit) or poisoned, drugged or explosive tipped arrow.
- use arrows which have metal broad head blades less than seven-eighths inch wide for hunting deer or bear.

6. Arms transportation

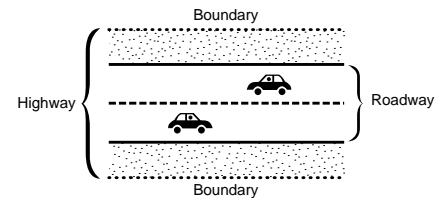
It is illegal to:

- possess, place or transport in or on any vehicle, whether moving or stationary, any firearm or bow/crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case and the bow/crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- possess, place or transport in or on *any motor driven boat* while the motor is running, any firearm or bow/crossbow unless the firearm is unloaded and bow/crossbow is unstrung or enclosed within the carrying case.
Note: Possession of an uncased bow in a boat while using an electric motor is legal while bowfishing only. A fishing license is required.

Other restrictions

1. Road hunting

Highway means the entire width between the boundary lines of every public road, and **Roadway** means the portion of the public road which is improved or ordinarily used for vehicle travel, excluding the berm or shoulder.



Public road means those roads shown on the current, official county highway map available from the Department of Transportation.

It is illegal to:

- hunt within 50 feet from the roadway's center or discharge a firearm, shoot an arrow from a bow, or a bolt from a crossbow from or across a highway (defined above) or within 50 feet of the roadway's center. *Exception:* Under certain conditions, persons possessing a disabled hunting permit are exempt from this rule.

The above prohibition applies to all public roads (defined above). Unpaved fire lanes are exempt and shown as dotted lines on the county highway maps. However, anyone hunting small game with a muzzleloader or shotgun loaded with shot size BB or smaller is exempt from these prohibitions if the roadway is unpaved (dirt, sand or gravel).

2. Baiting

Liquid scent means any nonsolid material (excluding honey) which flows freely and takes the shape of its container at a temperature of 70 degrees F.

It is illegal to:

- place, use or hunt over bait contained within or containing metal, paper, plastic, glass, wood (other than hollow stumps) or other nondegradable materials.
- use any baiting material, liquid or scent for attracting wild animals containing honey, bones, fish, meat, solid animal fat (which includes bacon grease) or parts of animal carcasses.

- place or hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public.
- hunt over baiting material, liquid or scent during the archery season without possessing a valid, unused bear harvest permit or archery deer tag.
- use or hunt over a baited area containing more than 10 gallons of bait material or liquid scent. *Note: You may hunt over bait deposited by natural vegetation or normal agricultural practices.*

3. Shining

It is illegal to:

- use or possess with intent to use, a light for shining any wild animal while hunting or in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow (**includes laser sights for bow and firearms**).
- use or possess with intent to use, whether or not a firearm or bow is in possession, a light for shining wild animals between the hours of 10 p. m. and 7 a.m. *from September 15 through December 31 Note: Some areas may prohibit shining by local ordinance. Check with the local sheriff's dept. or township officials for local shining restrictions.*
- shine at any time on federal refuges.

Exceptions: A flashlight may be used: 1) while shooting raccoon, fox, or unprotected species at the point of kill while hunting on foot, and 2) to find your way.

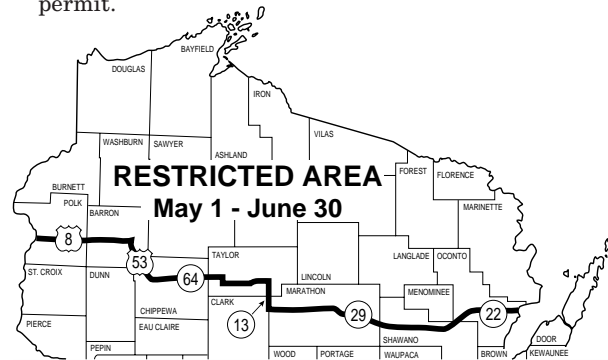
4. Dog Training

It is illegal to:

- train dogs on DNR lands from *April 15 through July 31* unless the dog is on a leash no longer than 8 feet. This rule does not apply to class 1 field trial grounds or DNR lands open to dog training.
- while hunting or training dogs, allow the dog to kill any wild animal.

Note: Hunters using dogs may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.

- hunt or pursue any free-roaming wild animal with the aid of any dog from May 1 to June 30 in that portion of the state north of the highways shown on the following map, except for dog trials and training under DNR permit.



5. Use of devices

It is illegal to:

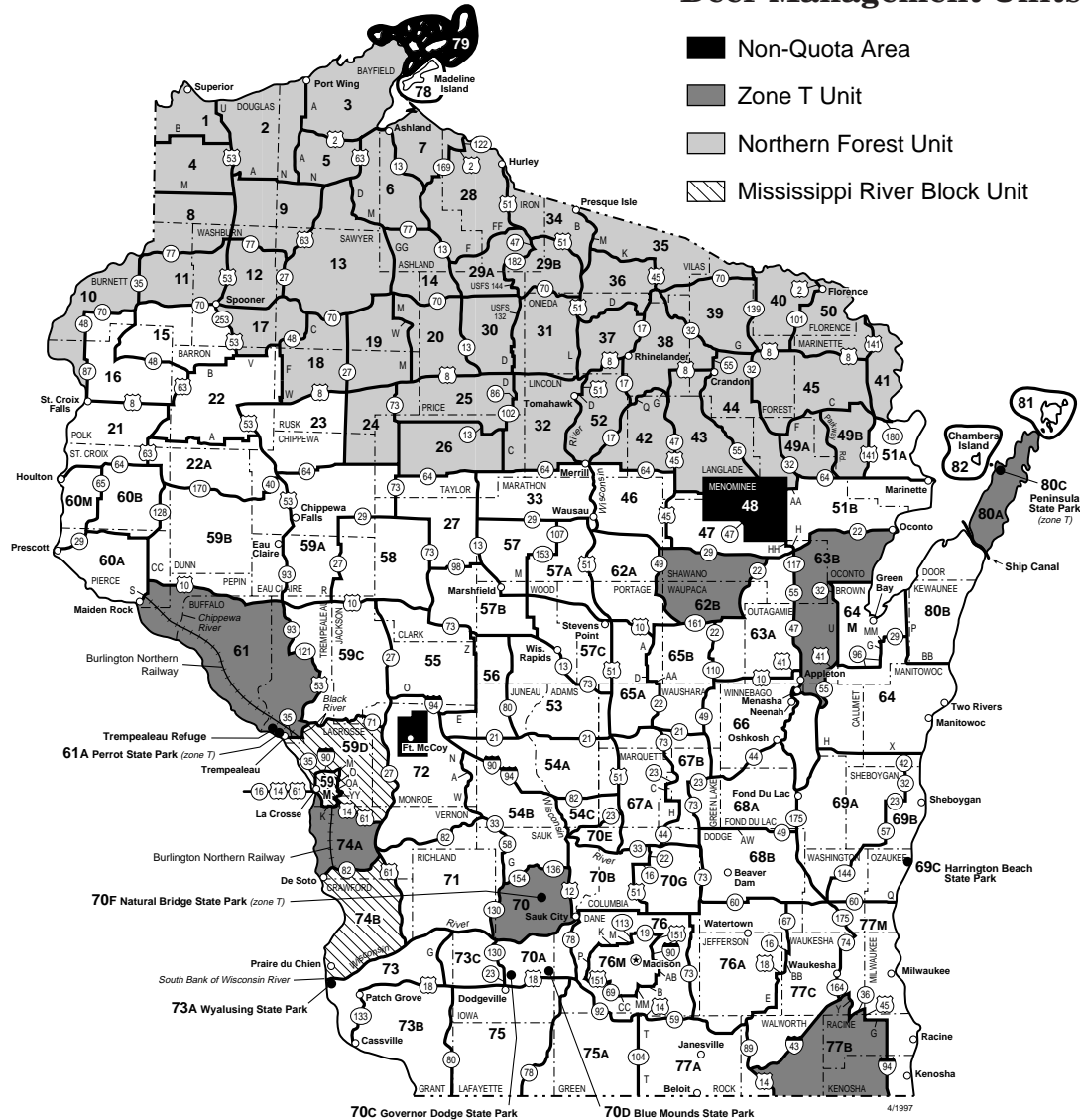
- hunt any animal with the aid of an airplane.
- use any device other than legal firearms, bows, traps or falconry birds to kill or catch wild animals.
- use any electronic or electronically amplified calls while hunting migratory game birds or wild turkeys. *Note: It is legal to use any type of call or amplified sound for attracting foxes, raccoon, crows and coyotes during the open season.*

6. State-owned lands

It is illegal to:

- hunt or possess any firearm or air gun in any wildlife refuge, state park (except as posted for deer hunting) or state fish hatchery unless it is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or bow/crossbow unless unstrung or enclosed within a carrying case.
- build or use any elevated device on lands owned or under the control of the DNR unless it does not damage

Deer Management Units



Hunter's Choice Permit application deadline is July 20th (see p. 10). Apply carefully and refer to the special "Wisconsin Antlerless Deer Permit Information" packet available at license outlets about June 15. (See page 11 for details).

the tree and it is completely removed from the property each day at the close of hunting hours. *Note: All national forest lands and federal refuges are protected by similar rules. For lands under county ownership, check local ordinances.*

- damage trees on state-owned lands. *Note: Cutting shooting lanes and use of screw-in tree-stands or steps are considered damaging and are illegal.*
- possess a loaded or uncased firearm, air gun or bow in any campground or picnic area in any state-owned forest.
- possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun within the boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties except:
 1. While engaged in hunting in accordance with the open seasons listed on pages 33, 35, 42 and 43.
 2. While shooting at an established target range (this is the only target shooting permitted).
 3. While training dogs under department permit within designated areas.

7. Vehicle restrictions

- It is illegal to operate any motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, snowmobiles, bicycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles on lands owned or under the control of the DNR and on federal waterfowl production areas, except where their use is authorized by posted notice or permit.

8. Trap theft

Stealing or molesting traps or snares is a criminal act and is punishable by fine (\$300-\$1000), imprisonment (up to 90 days), or both, and a mandatory 5-year revocation of license.

9. Hunting accidents

Any person involved in an accident in which a person is injured by gunfire or bow and arrow while hunting or trapping must first render necessary assistance and immediately report the incident to the local sheriff or police. A report must be rendered to the DNR by every person involved in a hunting accident within 10 days.

10. Tribal lands

Special rules apply on tribal lands in portions or all of Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Iron, Menominee, Oneida, Sawyer, and Vilas counties. For more information, contact tribal chairpersons.

11. Dog protection

Dogs are considered private property and are protected by law. Only conservation wardens may kill dogs chasing deer. Owners may be held responsible for damage caused by their dogs.

Deer Hunting

Antlerless deer means deer without antlers or deer with both antlers less than 3 inches in length.

Either sex deer means a buck or doe of any age.

Legal buck means a deer with an antler 3 inches or more in length.

Deer hunting restrictions

1. Permits, tags, licenses

It is illegal to:

- hunt deer without carrying the deer license and displaying the back tag on your person. The back tag must be displayed where it can be clearly seen on the back of the outermost garment. *Note: The back tag must not be hidden by your coat hood, displayed upside down or be*

marked up in any manner. The back and carcass tag must remain intact as one piece until validated.

- hunt deer under the authority of a hunter's choice, bonus antlerless or Mississippi River Block Bonus (MRB) antlerless permit, unless you or a member of your group gun deer hunting party possess:
 1. back and carcass tags (kept intact until used.)
 2. valid hunter's choice, bonus or MRB antlerless permits.
- kill antlerless deer in any management unit other than the one for which your hunter's choice, bonus or MRB antlerless permit was issued.

2. Methods

It is illegal to:

- use or possess full metal jacket, nonexpanding bullets.
- hunt deer with dogs.

3. Possession

It is illegal to:

- possess deer with broken or removed antlers which make determination of legality doubtful, unless during gun deer season, you possess a valid hunter's choice, bonus or MRB antlerless permit or are in an either sex hunting zone.
- possess a deer carcass unless tagged as required by law.

Group deer hunting law

Group deer hunting party means 2 or more hunters hunting deer together in a group, all using firearms, each of whom holds an individual license to hunt deer. This rule does not allow group bagging while bow hunting.

Note: Group hunting requires all participants to possess firearms, therefore, convicted felons cannot participate in group deer hunting or allow use of their tag by anyone else.

- It is illegal to kill game for another person. *Exception:* any member of a group deer hunting party (defined

above) may kill a deer for another member of the party with a firearm, if both the following conditions exist.

1. At the time and place of the kill, the person who kills the deer is in contact with the person for whom the deer is killed. **Contact** means visual or voice contact without using any mechanical or electronic amplifying device other than a hearing aid.
2. The person for whom the deer is killed possesses a current, unused gun deer carcass tag which is authorized for use on the deer killed. **Note: The person killing the deer may not leave the deer unattended until after it is tagged as described on page 29.**

Blaze orange clothing requirements

During the gun and muzzleloader deer seasons, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. *Note: Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements.* Camo-blaze is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing. 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.

Transporting deer and bear

It is illegal to:

- transport another person's unregistered bear or deer unless accompanied by the person issued the carcass tag. Once registered, anyone may transport the animal. *Note: Residents and nonresidents may transport legally possessed deer out of state.*
- transport an unregistered deer or bear, in or on a vehicle, unless the animal is openly exposed and placed so that riders cannot handle the carcass tag. **Openly exposed** means open to view by a person in a passing vehicle.

Tagging and registration

1. Deer carcass tags

Deer must be kept intact, except for field dressing, prior to registration.

- Your deer carcass tag must remain attached to your back tag until it is used to tag a deer. You must provide your own fastener. String works well.
- *Immediately upon killing* and before field dressing or moving the deer, you must validate the carcass tag by slitting the marks indicated on the tag.
- *Immediately upon validation*, attach the deer carcass tag to the deer's ear or antler.
- Any person killing a deer for another member of their group deer hunting party **must** make sure that the person for whom the deer was killed attaches a validated carcass tag to the deer's ear or antler *without delay* and prior to field dressing or moving the deer.
- The carcass and registration tag must be left with the deer meat when the animal is butchered.
- The person who tagged the animal must keep the carcass and registration tag until the meat is consumed or given away.

2. Firearm deer registration

To save time, fill out the registration stub, unwrap the carcass tag, and have your hunter's choice or bonus deer permit handy before bringing your deer to the registration station attendant.

- **Regular license:** You must register deer killed under your regular license in the season zone (p.31) in which it was killed.
- **Antlerless Deer:** Antlerless deer must be registered before being removed from the *deer management unit* where killed (or in an adjoining unit if transported on federal or state highways directly to the nearest authorized registration station).

- **Firearm deer registration deadline:** No later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after the close of each season listed on page 33 and 35.

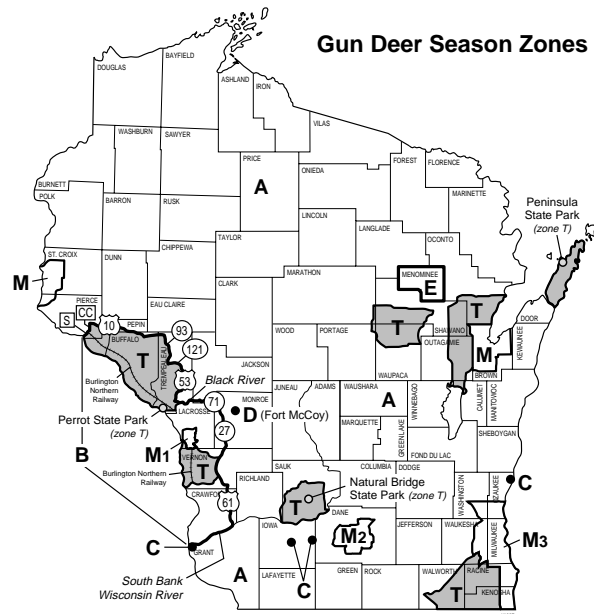
3. Archery deer registration

- Bowhunters tagging antlerless deer with a hunter's choice, bonus deer tag or free Zone T tag must register them within the deer management unit designated on the deer carcass tag or in an adjoining unit. Deer tagged with an archery deer backtag may be registered statewide.
- **Archer registration deadline:** 5:00 p.m. on the *third day after the deer was killed*.

Muzzleloader-only deer season

- **Dec. 1 - Dec. 7**
- **Season Limit:** 1 per permit.
- See page 18 for the types of muzzleloaders that are legal during this season.
- **Eligibility (except in Zone T, see page 34-37):** If after the regular gun-deer season, you or your group hunting party still possess an unused hunter's choice, bonus, or disabled hunter permit and carcass tag, you can participate in the muzzleloader hunt. You must hunt in the unit where that permit is valid and legal bucks may **only** be harvested under the authority of both a Hunter's Choice Permit and a gun deer carcass tag. (see **Permits Information**). All regular firearms deer season blaze orange clothing requirements apply.
- **Open units:** The 7-day muzzleloader season will be held statewide except in state parks and units where Hunter's Choice or bonus permits are not available. All muzzleloader firearms must meet the requirements specified on page 18.

Gun Deer Season Zones



Zone T— Includes Deer Management Units 61, 62B, 63B, 70, 74A, 77B, 80A, 61A, 70F, and 80C. See pages 24 and 25 for Deer Management Unit map.

Zone E — Firearm season type as established by the Menominee tribe for tribal members only.

Always Remember the Three Rules of Firearms Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.

Deer Hunting Seasons

Type	Zone (see map)	Season Limit	1997 Dates	
			Opens	Closes
Bow Deer	A, B, C, M M1, M2, M3, D	(see chart p. 34)	Sept. 20 Dec. 6	Nov. 16 Dec. 31
	T		See page 35	
Gun Deer	A, M M2 (76M)	1 Buck plus Antlerless per Permit	Nov. 22	Nov. 30
	B,* (see also below) M1 (59M)	1 Either Sex plus additional Antlerless per Permit	Nov. 22	Nov. 23
		1 Buck plus additional Antlerless per Permit	Nov. 24	Nov. 30
	T		See page 35	
	M3 (77M)	1 Buck plus 1 Antlerless per Permit	Nov. 22	Nov. 30
		Additional Antlerless per Permit	Dec. 1	Dec. 13
Muzzle- loader Deer	A, M B,* M1, M2, M3	1 either sex per Gun Hunter's Choice Permit, plus additional Antlerless per Permit	Dec. 1	Dec. 7
	C**	1 deer per Permit	Nov. 22	Nov. 30
	T		See page 35	

**Blue Mound and Governor Dodge State parks are restricted to muzzleloader hunting and are open only during the regular 9-day gun deer season.

1997 Deer Bag Limits and Tag Use Options

If you hunt during the:	and you kill an:	You may tag it with
Archery Deer Season (except in Zone T, see page 35.)	antlerless deer	1. Regular Archery Deer Tag 2. Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit 3. Gun Hunter's Choice Permit (use gun deer carcass tag)
	antlered buck	Regular Archery Deer Tag ONLY
Gun Deer Season (except in Zone T, see page 35.)	antlered buck	Regular Gun Deer Carcass Tag
	antlerless deer*	1. Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit 2. **Gun Hunter's Choice Permit (use gun deer carcass tag)
Muzzleloader Deer Season (except in Zone T, see page 35.)	antlered buck	Gun Hunter's Choice Permit (use gun deer carcass tag), only in unit for which permit is valid
	antlerless deer*	1. Bonus Antlerless Deer Permit 2. Gun Hunter's Choice Permit (use gun deer carcass tag)

*Certified disabled hunters and resident military personnel on furlough or leave are not required to obtain antlerless permits to hunt either sex deer.

**Mississippi River Block hunters may tag either sex deer during the first 2 days of the season using a regular gun deer carcass tag. No additional permit is required.

Sportsmen Against Hunger is a program that provides deer hunters with an opportunity to help feed the hungry. For more information, write or call; Sportsmen Against Hunger, 208 Wilmot Drive, Waukesha, WI 53186. (414) 421-7890.

Special Deer Hunting Regulations in Zone T

Deer Hunting Zone T is made up of the following Deer Management Units (DMU); 61*, 62B, 63B, 70, 74A*, 77B, 80A, and state parks 61A, 70F, and 80C. See pages 24 and 25 for a map of DMU's.

1997 Zone T Deer Seasons**

Bow

Sept. 20 - Oct. 22, (one either sex per archery license and backtag plus additional antlerless per permit)

Oct. 23 - Oct. 26 (antlerless deer only) Note: This hunt will not be held west of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks in DMU's 61 and 74A.

Oct. 27 - Nov. 20 (one either sex per archery license and backtag plus additional antlerless per permit)

Dec. 6 - Dec. 31 (one either sex per archery license and backtag plus additional antlerless per permit)

Gun

Oct. 23 - Oct. 26 (antlerless deer only) Note: This hunt will not be held west of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks in DMU's 61 and 74A.

Nov. 22 - Nov. 30 (one either sex per gun deer license and backtag plus additional antlerless per permit). Firearm hunting hours are different than archery hunting hours.

See the table on page 45.

Muzzleloader

Dec. 1 - Dec. 7 (one either sex per gun deer license and backtag plus additional antlerless per permit)

*Note: There will not be an early firearm hunt west of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks in DMU's 61 and 74A. Normal archery season bag limits (one either sex per archery license and backtag plus additional antlerless per permit) will apply on these days.

**Natural Bridge (70F), Peninsula (80C), and Perot State Parks (61A), are restricted to hunting by application only and are open Oct. 23 - 26 and Nov. 22 - 30. Perot

and Peninsula State Parks are open to muzzleloader hunting only.

Tag Use and availability in Zone T Only

- 1. Gun Deer or Archery License and Carcass Tag, located on your back tag (\$20.00 res.; \$135.00 nonres.):** Valid for one deer which may be antlerless or a legal buck, except that **only antlerless deer may be harvested on Oct. 23 - 26**. Since this is the only tag that may be used on a buck, hunters wishing to harvest a buck will want to tag antlerless deer with free Special Antlerless Deer Permits.
- 2. Special Antlerless Deer Permit/tag (Free):** valid in any Zone T DMU and only for an antlerless deer during the gun, muzzleloader and archery seasons. After August 15, Special Antlerless Deer Permits/Tags may be obtained at all DNR Service Centers and many license outlets in Zone T DMU's. Permits will be issued at a maximum rate of two per day per person.

Firearm Use

Gun hunters in DMU 61 and the LaCrosse County portion of 74A are restricted to shotgun hunting only on Oct. 23 - 26 and on Nov 22 and 23.

Zone T Firearm and Muzzleloader Deer Season Registration

Antlerless deer must be registered in the DMU of kill or a DMU adjoining the unit of kill if transported on state or federal highways. Legal bucks killed during the Nov. 22 - 30 gun and the Dec. 1 - 7 muzzleloader seasons in DMU's 61 and 74A may be registered in those units or anywhere in Deer Season Zone B (see page 31 for Gun Deer Season Zones map). Legal bucks killed in other Zone T DMU's may be registered in those DMU's and anywhere in Gun Deer Season Zone A.

Zone T Archery Deer Season Registration

Bowhunters tagging deer with a free Zone T tag must register them within the DMU of the kill or an adjacent unit if transported on state or federal highways. Deer tagged with an archery deer backtag may be registered statewide.

Waterfowl Refuges and Closed Areas

Deer gun hunting during the Oct. 23 - 26 season is prohibited in all waterfowl refuges and closed areas, including ones that are open to firearm deer hunting during the regular 9-day season in November.

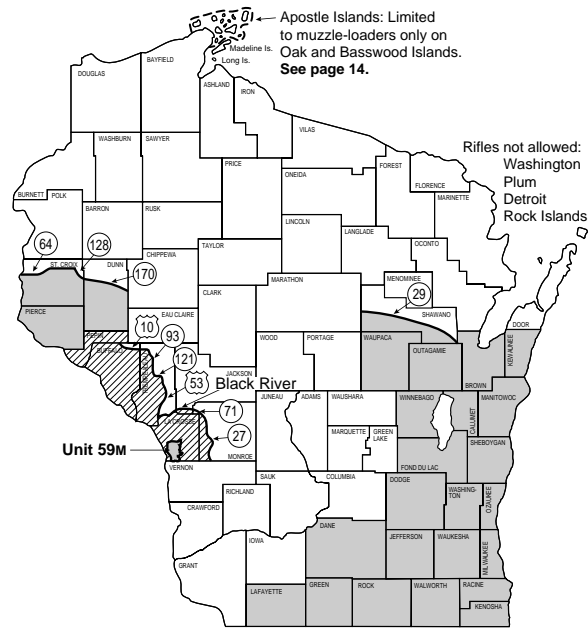
Blaze Orange Clothing

Blaze orange clothing requirement apply to all hunters except waterfowl hunters during all Zone T firearm deer seasons (including the Oct. 23 - 26 hunt, except west of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks in DMU's 61 and 74A) and the muzzleloader season. Deer hunters should be aware that waterfowl hunters and other people may be present and must exercise caution. Always be sure of your target and beyond.

Zone T State Park Hunting

Hunters wishing to hunt in state park units 80C, 61A, and 70F must apply with a regular Hunters Choice/Bonus Antlerless Deer Application (\$3.00 application fee) by July 20. Participants will be issued park-specific free antlerless permits as well as a special park entry pass. Park regulations will be supplied to all successful applicants when permits are mailed.

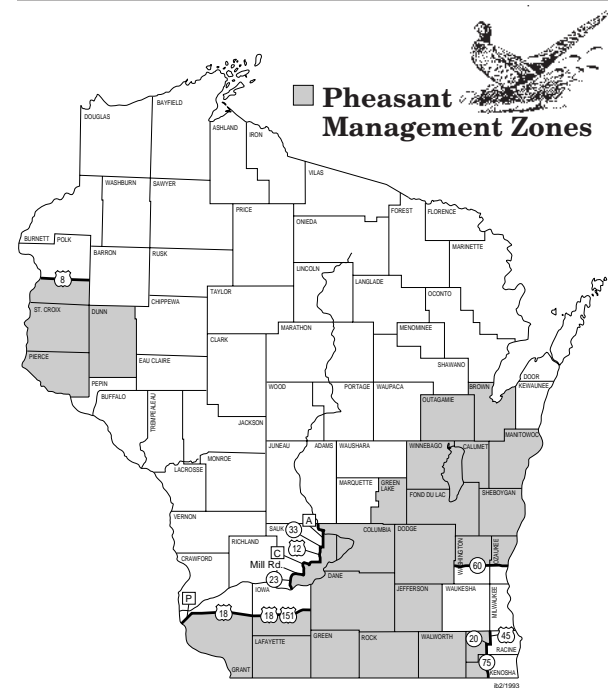
Deer Season Firearms Options



- Shotguns, Muzzleloaders and Handguns only
- Only handguns, shotguns and muzzleloaders are permitted the first two days in Pepin County and these portions of Buffalo, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe and Trempealeau counties. Rifles may be used thereafter.

Note: Handguns, shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used in any area open to deer hunting with rifles.

Small Game Hunting



A pheasant stamp is required to hunt pheasants in the pheasant management zones.

Bobcat tagging and registration

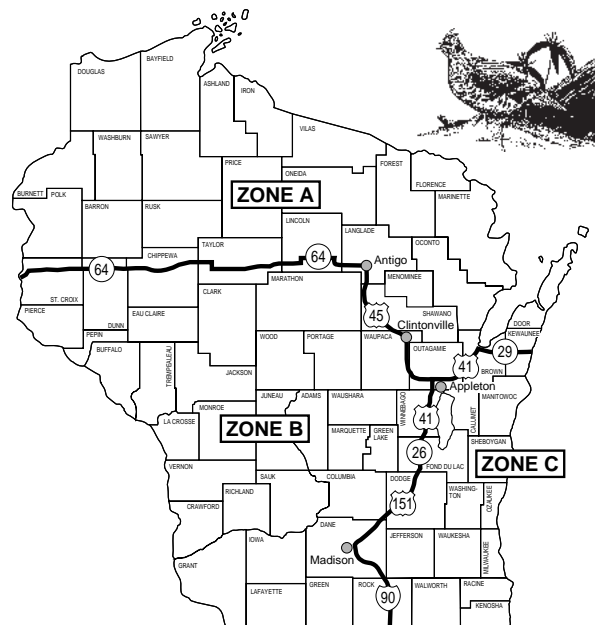
- To hunt bobcat, you must have a DNR permit and carcass tag on your person.
- Immediately upon killing a bobcat, the carcass tag must be attached and locked by passing the tag through the animal's mouth to the eye opening, just beneath the skin.

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The bobcat pelt must be separated from the carcass and both parts presented to DNR for registration no later than five days after the close of the season.

- The bobcat carcass will be retained by DNR for research purposes.
- It is illegal to possess the raw pelt of a bobcat more than 5 days after the close of the season without a registration tag attached.
- No person may transfer, give, trade, sell or purchase any bobcat pelt unless it bears a DNR carcass tag and registration tag.

Ruffed Grouse Zones

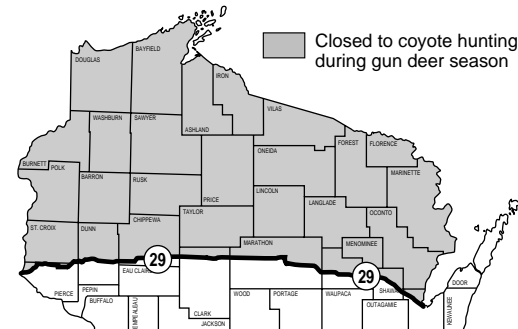


Cottontail Rabbit Zones



Coyote hunting restriction

- Coyotes may be hunted year-round statewide except in the area shown on the following map, where they may not be hunted during any gun or muzzleloader deer season.



This closed season protects endangered timber wolves. Wolves may be seen south of the closed area. Don't shoot a timber wolf. If you're not sure, don't shoot.

Small Game Hunting Seasons - All firearm hunting seasons listed are closed on Nov. 21, 1997. Blaze orange clothing requirements apply to all hunters during firearm and muzzleloader deer seasons. **In addition, all hunters in Deer Season Zone T must wear blaze orange on Oct. 23-Oct. 26 except west of the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks in DMUs 61 and 74A.**

Species	Daily Bag	Possession Limit	Area	1997-98	
				Opens	Closes
Gray and Fox Squirrel	5	10	Statewide	Sept. 13	Jan. 31
Ruffed Grouse	5	10	Zone A - map, p. 40	Sept. 13	Dec. 31
	5	10	Zone B - map, p. 40	Sept. 13	Jan. 31
	2	4	Zone C - map, p. 40	Oct. 18	Dec. 8
Cottontail Rabbit (firearm season closed in Milw.Co)	3	6	Northern zone - map, p. 41	Sept. 13	Feb. 28
			Southern zone - map, p. 41	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Feb. 28
Jackrabbit	3	6	Statewide	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Nov. 15
Bobwhite Quail	5	10	Statewide	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Dec. 10
Pheasant	See below**		Statewide	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Dec. 31
Sharp-tailed Grouse	Apply by permit for specified areas			Oct. 18	Nov. 9
Woodcock	Consult the 1997 Migratory Game Bird Regulations or contact your local DNR office the first week in September for woodcock season dates and bag limits.				

Crow	15	30	Statewide;	Sept. 13 Jan. 25	Nov. 20 Mar. 20
Hungarian Partridge	3	6	Statewide; closed in Clark, Taylor & Marathon counties	Oct. 18 (Noon)	Dec. 31
Bobcat	1 by permit		North of Hwy. 64	Oct. 18	Dec. 31
Raccoon Resident hunting Nonresident hunting	Unlimited	Unlimited	Statewide	Oct. 18	Jan. 31
	Unlimited	Unlimited	Statewide	Nov. 1	Jan. 31
Red and Gray Fox	Unlimited	Unlimited	North of Hwy. 64	Oct. 18	Feb. 15
	Unlimited	Unlimited	South of Hwy. 64	Oct. 25	Feb. 15
Snowshoe Hare	Unlimited	Unlimited	Statewide	Year-round	
Coyote	Unlimited		Statewide	See page 41	

****Pheasant:** Oct. 18-19, 1 cock daily; possession limit 2. Remainder of season: 2 cocks daily; possession limit 4. See page 39 for pheasant zone where a pheasant stamp is required.

Some public hunting grounds have both hen and rooster pheasant hunting (requires free permits and tags) and/or 2 p.m. closure times. See special pheasant pamphlet for details.

Hunting Hours

Actual hunting hours for Zone A

- **Gun deer:** (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset): shown right.
- **Small game, bow deer, bear:** (1/2 hour before sunrise to 15 minutes after sunset): shown on pages 46-47.
- **Migratory birds, including woodcock; fall and spring turkey:** see separate pamphlets for hunting hours.

Calculating hunting hours in Zones B-F

- Six hunting hour zones are shown on map to right.
- Add the minutes shown for the zone in which you are hunting (see **Zone** map) to the opening and closing times listed in either the Zone A Firearm Deer table or the Small game, bow deer, bear table. **For example, if you are hunting deer with a firearm in Zone C on Nov. 25, add 8 minutes to 6:26 and 4:21. The correct adjusted opening and closing times are 6:34 and 4:29.**

Other hunting hours restrictions

- You may hunt only during the open season and within the hours listed.
- Coyote, fox, raccoon, or unprotected species may be hunted without hunting hours restrictions except:
 1. during the bow bear and bow deer seasons when hunting hours apply to all bow hunting.
 2. during the regular gun deer season from Nov. 22-Nov. 30, when hunting hours apply to all bow and gun hunting. This restriction does not apply during the muzzleloader deer season, an extended gun deer season or the Oct. 23-26 Zone T deer season.
- It is illegal to hunt any species using bait after small game hours, unless the hunting involves the release of trailing dogs.

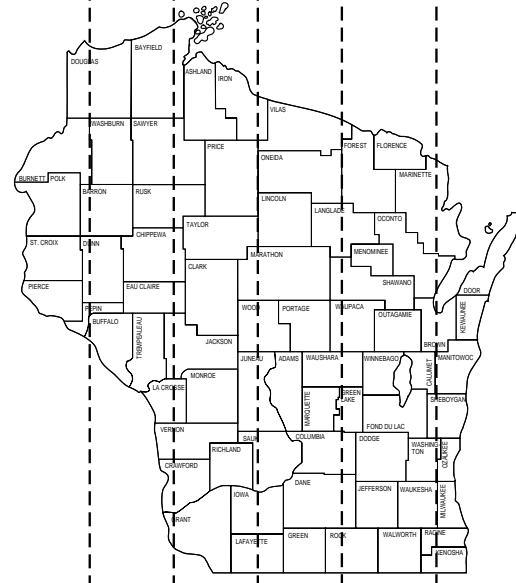
Zone A Firearm and Muzzleloader Deer

Season Hours (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset)

Oct. 23	6:44-5:57	Dec. 2	6:34-4:18
Oct. 24	6:46-5:55	Dec. 3	6:35-4:18
Oct. 25	6:47-5:54	Dec. 4	6:36-4:18
Oct. 26	5:48-4:53	Dec. 5	6:37-4:17
Nov. 22	6:22-4:23	Dec. 6	6:38-4:17
Nov. 23	6:23-4:22	Dec. 7	6:39-4:17
Nov. 24	6:25-4:22	Dec. 8	6:40-4:17
Nov. 25	6:26-4:21	Dec. 9	6:41-4:17
Nov. 26	6:27-4:20	Dec. 10	6:42-4:17
Nov. 27	6:28-4:20	Dec. 11	6:42-4:17
Nov. 28	6:29-4:19	Dec. 12	6:43-4:17
Nov. 29	6:30-4:19	Dec. 13	6:44-4:17
Nov. 30	6:32-4:19	Dec. 14	6:45-4:18
Dec. 1	6:33-4:18		

Hunting Hours Zones

Zone F | Zone E | Zone D | Zone C | Zone B | Zone A
+ 20 min. | + 16 min. | + 12 min. | + 8 min. | + 4 min. | in table



Zone A Small Game, Bow Deer and Bear Hunting Hours Table

Date	Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
1	5:46	7:42	6:18	6:48	5:56	4:59	6:33	4:33
2	5:47	7:40	6:20	6:47	5:57	4:58	6:34	4:33
3	5:48	7:38	6:21	6:45	5:58	4:57	6:35	4:33
4	5:49	7:37	6:22	6:43	5:59	4:55	6:36	4:33
5	5:50	7:35	6:23	6:41	6:01	4:54	6:37	4:32
6	5:51	7:33	6:24	6:40	6:02	4:53	6:38	4:32
7	5:52	7:31	6:25	6:38	6:03	4:52	6:39	4:32
8	5:53	7:30	6:26	6:36	6:05	4:51	6:40	4:32
9	5:54	7:28	6:28	6:35	6:06	4:50	6:41	4:32
10	5:55	7:26	6:29	6:33	6:07	4:48	6:42	4:32
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12	5:58	7:23	6:31	6:30	6:10	4:46	6:43	4:32
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** Firearm hunting prohibited on Nov. 21. Hours for permitted hunting are 6:21 - 4:39.

Jan.		Feb.		March		April		May		Date
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